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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP ART: 1653****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE: Application of Jeff T. HUTCHINS et al.

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20041101) for which a 3 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. This response is filed within two months of the mailing of the final action deadline. Examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.